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Testimony Neither for nor Against LD 69, "An Act to Improve Electrical Supply Cost Transparency" January 31, 2023

Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology,

My name is William Harwood and I am the Public Advocate, here today to testify neither for nor against LD 69, "An Act to Improve Electrical Supply Cost Transparency."

The OPA believes in transparency and giving consumers information that can help them manage their energy usage. However, the increase in costs associated with this requirement has the potential to raise rates and may discourage the Standard Offer Provider from submitting bids to provide SO Service.

Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration of this testimony. The Office of the Public Advocate looks forward to working with the Committee on LD 69 and will be available for the work session to assist the Committee in its consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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